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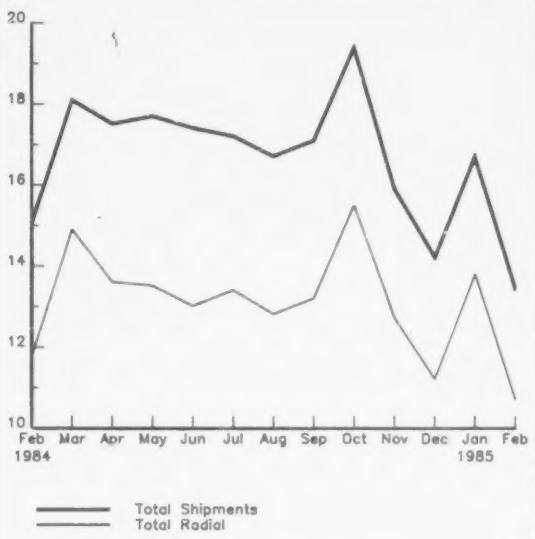
MONTHLY TIRE REPORT

February 1985

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly compilation of tire and inner tube shipments, production, exports, imports, and inventory. The actual industry data reported is adjusted to include estimates for non-participating companies so that the figures presented will represent 100% of the domestic U.S. tire market.

PASSENGER TIRE SHIPMENTS



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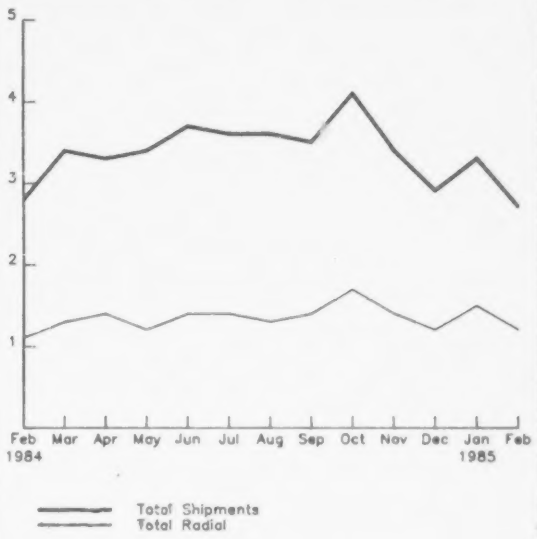
TRUCK & BUS TIRE SHIPMENTS



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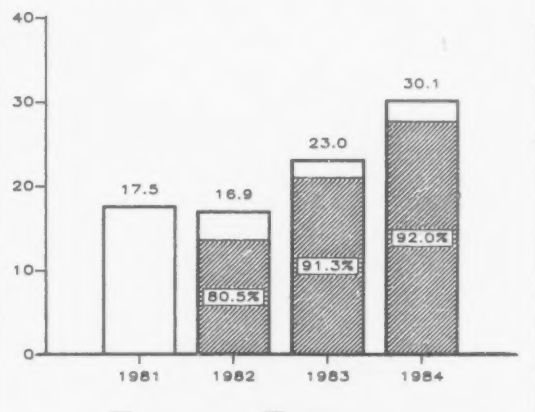

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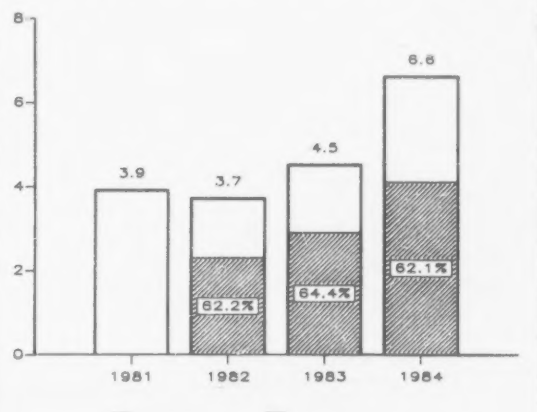

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Above are two sets of charts which highlight shipments and imports of both passenger and truck & bus tires.

The shipment charts show monthly volumes for total shipments and radial shipments for thirteen months running. The vertical distance between the two lines in each graph is the non-radial portion of the total shipments. January 1985 total shipments are down −11.5% from January 1984 for passenger tires, and −5.4% for truck & bus tires. The import charts show the yearly total imports of both passenger and truck & bus tires, as well as the percentage of imports which were radial tires. From 1981 to 1984, passenger tire imports have increased 72.0%, and truck & bus tire imports have grown by 69.2%.

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RMA MONTHLY TIRE & TUBE SHIPMENTS & PRODUCTION REPORT
(FIGURES IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS)

ISSUED: April 16, 1985

	February 1985	February 1984	% CHANGE	YTD 1985	YTD 1984	% CHANGE
PASSENGER TIRES						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	4,343	4,504	-3.57	9,264	8,655	+7.04
Radial	3,624	3,750	-3.36	7,740	7,238	+6.94
Replacement	8,413	10,114	-16.82	19,621	20,823	-5.77
Radial	6,530	7,673	-14.90	15,768	15,842	-0.47
Export	630	506	+24.51	1,184	1,028	+15.18
Radial	503	388	+29.64	948	743	+27.59
Total	13,386	15,124	-11.49	30,069	30,506	-1.43
Radial	10,657	11,811	-9.77	24,456	23,823	+2.66
Production	14,325	14,494	-1.17	29,296	28,308	+3.49
Radial	11,332	10,648	+6.42	23,138	20,710	+11.72
Ending Inventory	37,311	31,155	+19.76	-	-	-
Radial	29,518	21,918	+34.67	-	-	-
TRUCK & BUS TIRES						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	582	605	-3.80	1,202	1,209	-0.58
Radial	370	306	+20.92	760	624	+21.79
Replacement	1,975	2,139	-7.67	4,515	4,548	-0.73
Radial	759	725	+4.69	1,800	1,587	+13.42
Export	137	103	+33.01	260	217	+19.82
Radial	74	53	+39.62	134	96	+39.58
Total	2,694	2,847	-5.37	5,977	5,974	+0.05
Radial	1,203	1,084	+10.98	2,694	2,307	+16.78
Production	3,050	3,004	+1.53	6,460	5,937	+8.81
Radial	1,320	1,088	+21.32	2,733	2,150	+27.12
Ending Inventory	8,594	6,460	+33.03	-	-	-
Radial	3,918	2,544	+54.01	-	-	-
MOBILE HOME						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	73	105	-30.48	149	192	-22.40
Replacement	2	3	-33.33	7	5	+40.00
Export	-	1	-	-	7	-
Total	75	109	-31.19	156	204	-23.53
Production	95	139	-31.65	200	261	-23.37
Ending Inventory	236	212	+11.32	-	-	-
TRACTOR IMPLEMENT						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	50	86	-41.86	112	178	-37.08
Replacement	178	254	-29.92	417	483	-13.66
Export	14	18	-22.22	31	42	-26.19
Total	242	358	-32.40	560	703	-20.34
Production	258	296	-12.84	551	592	-6.93
Ending Inventory	896	624	+43.59	-	-	-
INDUSTRIAL & UTILITY						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	640	660	-3.03	1,258	1,263	-0.40
Replacement	192	214	-10.28	412	440	-6.36
Export	23	8	+187.50	41	19	+115.79
Total	855	882	-3.06	1,711	1,722	-0.64
Production	777	807	-3.72	1,593	1,677	-5.01
Ending Inventory	1,470	1,039	+41.48	-	-	-
AIRCRAFT						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	3	2	+50.00	6	4	+50.00
Replacement	18	21	-14.29	34	41	-17.07
Export	5	5	+0.00	11	9	+22.22
Total	26	28	-7.14	51	54	-5.56
Production	33	31	+6.45	65	63	+3.17
Ending Inventory	68	58	+17.24	-	-	-
INNER TUBES*						
Total Shipments						
Passenger & Motorcycle	626	717	-12.69	1,388	1,560	-11.03
Truck & Bus	1,350	1,469	-8.10	2,956	3,006	-1.66
Tractor-Implement	196	218	-10.09	400	458	-12.66
Industrial & Utility	157	187	-16.04	375	381	-1.57
Aircraft	3	10	-70.00	10	16	-37.50

* Inner Tube figures are for shipments only, not production.

In order to avoid possible double counting, export figures are as reported to RMA and will vary from data in government reports. This report is available from RMA at a $200.00 subscription rate. Year-end reports are available at $200.00 each. Figures may not add due to rounding. For further detail on tire and tube exports, refer to the RMA 501 report.

IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF TIRE AND INNER TUBES -- SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Report No. IM-145
(Units are rounded and expressed in thousands)

	TIRES									TUBES		
TSUSA NUMBERS:	772.5109	772.5112	772.5127	772.5129	772.5136	772.5138	772.5141	772.4500 772.4600	772.5000	772.6005	772.6010	772.602
	Pass. Radial	Pass. All Other	Light Truck Radial	Light Truck All Other	All Other Truck Radial	All Other Truck	Motor-cycle	Airplane	Farm Equip.	Pass. Tubes	Truck & Bus Tubes	Tire NSPF Tubes
1984												
January	2,463	152	83	47	362	174	202	3	39	322	159	292
February	1,943	184	77	40	193	132	125	4	36	187	95	200
CUMULATIVE	4,406	336	160	87	555	306	327	7	75	509	253	492
March	2,292	195	96	50	215	163	147	5	61	242	117	294
April	2,485	145	80	60	283	149	183	4	59	265	90	373
May	2,085	186	66	33	223	179	131	4	62	194	117	256
June	2,004	201	57	39	219	138	69	2	45	244	159	226
July	2,795	183	77	72	302	177	143	4	40	302	206	628
August	2,133	203	54	44	211	128	84	3	39	131	225	234
September	2,627	255	83	50	290	148	75	2	42	281	194	220
October	2,646	282	90	68	349	186	81	3	52	288	233	263
November	2,184	195	90	56	217	183	92	1	31	363	159	231
December	2,046	236	88	52	251	159	84	2	44	179	148	212
ANNUAL	27,702	2,417	941	611	3,116	1,915	1,415	37	550	2,997	1,902	3,429
1985												
January	2,901	170	102	48	398	203	186	2	32	570	281	304
February	1,950	190	89	33	241	155	104	1	30	309	206	248
CUMULATIVE	4,851	360	191	81	639	358	290	3	61	879	487	551
March												
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% Change Month	-32.8	11.8	-12.7	-31.3	-39.4	-23.6	-44.1	-50.0	-6.3	-45.8	-26.7	-18.4
% Change Month 85 vs. 84	.4	3.3	15.6	-17.5	24.9	17.4	-16.8	-75.0	-16.7	65.2	116.8	24.0
% Change Cumulative	10.1	7.1	19.4	-6.9	15.1	17.0	-11.3	-57.1	-18.7	72.7	92.5	12.0

Figures may not add due to rounding. For further details on Imports please refer to RMA 500 Report.

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY TIRE AND INNER TUBES REPORT

The procedures used by the Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile this data are reviewed at least annually by the RMA Tire Statistical Committee. Committee members represent tire producing companies, both domestic and foreign, which participate in the submission of their monthly tire data to RMA for compilation into an aggregate report. The categories selected for presentation are based upon those developed by the Committee and in many instances upon classifications listed in the Tire and Rim Association's Yearbook.

Descriptions for the categories used in this report:

PASSENGER TIRES: all sizes and types of tires designed for standard highway passenger car service. It also includes off-highway passenger service tires such as racing car and dune buggy tires.

TRUCK & BUS TIRES: all sizes and types of tires which are designated as light, medium, dual, heavy, and large off-the-road truck tires.

MOBILE HOME TIRES: all tires designed solely for use in the transportation of permanent or temporary buildings, with wheel attached, from factory to site or site to site.

TRACTOR IMPLEMENT TIRES: steering and drive wheel tires used on tractors in field service or harvesting equipment. This includes combines, cane and rice field tires, log-skidder tires, and those used on farm implement vehicles.

INDUSTRIAL & UTILITY TIRES: all tires used for slow speed industrial vehicles and counterbalanced fork-lift trucks, recreational, boat, baggage, sports and special type trailer tires, as well as tires used on mining cars, lumber yard straddle trucks, wheel barrows, and garden tractors. This category includes swamp buggy, terra, snowmobile, mini-bike, and Go-Kart tires.

AIRCRAFT TIRES: all tires used on commercial, private, and military aircraft and helicopters.

INNER TUBES: all inner tubes regardless of the type of tire for which they were manufactured. Only shipments are included in this report.

Descriptions for the various column headings used in this report:

Original Equipment: shipments to vehicle manufacturers for their original equipment.

Replacement: shipments destined for the domestic replacement market.

Export: shipments to points outside the United States by the participants, and as such, will differ from the export figures released by the U.S. government.

Production: units produced in domestic factories for the reporting period.

Inventory: stocks as of the last day of the reporting period covered.

Imports:

Data for imports are shown separately on this report; however, those of participating companies are reflected in all of the columns with the exception of production. Import data is from the Bureau of Census Report IM-145 derived from data from the Department of Commerce. The import data is listed by the seven digit TSUSA number (Tariff Schedules of the United States) and reflects both government and non-goverment imports from foreign countries into U.S. Customs territories.

The participants in this report include:

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Continental Tire Company
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company
Cupples Company, Manufacturers
Denman Rubber Manufacturing Company
Dunlop Tire & Rubber Company
Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, The
General Tire & Rubber Company, The
BFGoodrich Company, Engineered Products Group, The
BFGoodrich Company, Tire Group, The
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, The
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